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To: Benbrook City Council
Benbrook, TX 76126

Complaint:

Some neighborhood residents have more than the allotted twice a year garage and estate sales. A few neighbors have had garage sales and estate sales both for more than 4, and 5 times since March 2020. Some are for one or two days, and some have been for three days.

During two of the Estate Sales there were professionals from outside of our neighborhood running the estate sale from the same home one month apart.

Code Compliance:

According to Benbrook Code Compliance; "Garage sales and garage sales signs do not require a permit. A resident may conduct up to two garage sales per year."

Concern:

How does Code Compliance know how many garage sales and estate sales each resident has, and for how long?

Is there a tracking system in place to ensure Benbrook Code Compliance is followed for garage and estate sales since permits are not required?

The parking from customer vehicles congests our streets, increases foot traffic on our properties, devalues our neighborhoods, and puts our privacy and safety at risk.

Request:

I am requesting Benbrook City Council to review and consider requiring permits for garage sales and estate sales. A fee does not need to be required (e.g. FW does not require a fee with their permit, Dallas does).

Permit could be accessed on line at the Benbrook website and submitted to Code Compliance for tracking purposes.

Define the length of time for each garage/estate sale, for example two or three days at length.

Thank you,
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